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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman and such other officers as may be required. In previous sessions, the Commission elected, in addition to a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen, one of whom also served as Rapporteur.

In its resolution 1997/63, the Council decided on the following future arrangements for the election of the Bureau of the Commission in order to implement the provisions of paragraph 136 of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21:

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The Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, will hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council.

In its decision 2005/227, the Council decided that the current term of the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development should continue on the basis of a one-year term for its next cycle, comprising the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Commission.

On 12 May 2006, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah (Qatar) as Chairman and Frances May Lisson (Australia), Alain Edouard Traore (Burkina Faso) and Jiří Hlaváček as Vice-Chairpersons of its fifteenth session, and decided to postpone the election of the remaining member of the Bureau to a future meeting.

The membership of the Commission for its fifteenth session is contained in annex II.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2006/228, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on its fourteenth session and approved the provisional agenda for its fifteenth session.

3. Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2006-2007 — policy session

(a) Energy for sustainable development

(b) Industrial development

(c) Air pollution/atmosphere

(d) Climate change

In its resolution 2003/61, the Council decided that in the policy year, the Commission would convene an intergovernmental preparatory meeting for one week in New York in February/March to discuss policy options and possible actions to address the constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation identified during the review year.

The Council also decided that the discussions of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting would be based on the outcome of the review session, and reports by the Secretary-General, as well as other relevant inputs. Based on those discussions, the Chair would prepare a draft negotiating document for consideration at the policy session.

Accordingly, the Commission will convene the intergovernmental preparatory meeting from 26 February to 2 March 2007 in New York. The report of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting, to be submitted to the Commission at its fifteenth session, will contain the Chair's draft negotiating document for further consideration by the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2007/__)

In paragraph 1 of its resolution 2003/61, the Council decided that the organization of work of the Commission should contribute to advancing the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation") at all levels. In the same resolution, the Council also decided that in order to fulfil its mandate, the work of the Commission would be organized in a series of two-year action-oriented implementation cycles, which would include a review session and a policy session.

The Council also decided that at its policy session, to be held in April/May of the second year of the cycle, the Commission would take policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the selected thematic cluster of issues, taking account of the discussions of the intergovernmental preparatory meeting, the Secretary-General's reports and other relevant inputs.

The Council further decided that, at its review sessions and policy sessions, the Commission should mobilize further action by all implementation actors to overcome obstacles and constraints in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and should address new challenges and opportunities and share lessons learned and best practices.

In the same resolution, the Council decided to adopt a multi-year programme of work of the Commission for the period after 2003. For the period 2006-2007, the multi-year programme of work will be as follows:

Thematic cluster	*Cross-cutting issues*
• Energy for sustainable development • Industrial development • Air pollution/atmosphere • Climate change	Poverty eradication; changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production; protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development; sustainable development in a globalizing world; health and sustainable development; sustainable development of small island developing States; sustainable development for Africa; other regional initiatives; means of implementation; institutional framework for sustainable development; gender equality; and education

The Council also decided that the implementation of the multi-year programme of work would be guided by the following considerations:

(a) The review and evaluation of the implementation of actions, commitments and targets would be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the decisions of the Commission.

The thematic clusters should be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Recognizing that all the issues identified in Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation are important, the implementation process should cover all those issues equally, and the selection of some issues during a given cycle does not therefore diminish the importance of the commitments undertaken with respect to the issues to be considered during future cycles;

(b) Means of implementation, as identified in Agenda 21 and chapter X of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, should be addressed in every cycle and for every relevant issue, action and commitment;

(c) Other cross-cutting issues, as referred to in the annex to Council resolution 2003/61, should also be addressed in every cycle;

(d) African and other regional initiatives, as well as initiatives on small island developing States and least developed countries, will be considered in every cycle with respect to all relevant issues, actions and targets;

(e) The Commission should focus on issues where it could add value to intergovernmental deliberations on cross-sectoral and sectoral issues, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/191, in particular its paragraphs 3 (h), 21 and 23, as well as paragraph 139 (f) of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

(f) The Commission should take into account the outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the General Assembly on the Integrated and Coordinated Implementation of and Follow-up to the Outcomes of the Major United Nations Conferences and Summits in the Economic and Social Fields;

(g) The Commission may decide to incorporate new challenges and opportunities related to implementation into its multi-year programme of work.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: energy for sustainable development" (E/CN.17/2007/2)

Report of the Secretary-Genera entitled: "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: industrial development" (E/CN.17/2007/3)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: air pollution/atmosphere" (E/CN.17/2007/4)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: climate change" (E/CN.17/2007/5)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues" (E/CN.17/2007/6)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the priorities for action of major groups in the areas of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change (E/CN.17/2007/7)

4. Other matters

5. Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Secretary-General shall submit a draft provisional agenda for the Commission's subsequent session, indicating in respect of each agenda item the documents to be submitted under that item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current session.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission reports to the Council on the work of each session.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work for the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development has been prepared on the basis of informal consultations conducted by the Bureau and is set out below.

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Week of 30 April-4 May		
Monday, 30 April		Opening of the session
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Plenary
	1	Election of officers
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2006-2007 (policy session):
		(a) Energy for sustainable development
		(b) Industrial development
		(c) Air pollution/atmosphere
		(d) Climate change
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Regional perspectives
Tuesday, 1 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Energy for sustainable development: comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document
		Air pollution/atmosphere: comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Industrial development: comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document
		Climate change: comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Wednesday, 2 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Introduction of the Chairman's revised draft negotiating document
		No plenary meeting: delegations will study the Chairman's revised draft negotiating document
Thursday, 3 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
Friday, 4 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
Week of 7-11 May 2007		
Monday, 7 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
Tuesday, 8 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Negotiation: policy decisions
Wednesday, 9 May		*High-level segment*
8.30-10 a.m.		Informal ministerial meeting: introductory session
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Statements and interactive discussions: turning commitments into action, working together in partnership
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Statements and interactive discussions: turning commitments into action, working together in partnership
		Ministerial round tables

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Thursday, 10 May		
8.30-10 a.m.		Informal ministerial meeting with the United Nations system
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Interactive discussions with heads of United Nations organizations
		Statements and interactive discussions: turning commitments into action, working together in partnership
3-6 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Statements and interactive discussions: turning commitments into action, working together in partnership
		Interactive discussions with representatives of major groups
Friday, 11 May		
8.30-10 a.m.		Informal ministerial meeting: summing-up
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 (*continued*)	Statements and interactive discussions: turning commitments into action, working together in partnership
3-4.30 p.m.	4	Other matters
4.30-5.30 p.m.	5	Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Commission
5.30-6 p.m.	6	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session
		Closing of the session

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fifteenth session

Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Australia
Austria
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Cuba
Czech Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Finland
France
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Indonesia
Islamic Republic of Iran
Israel
Italy
Kuwait
Kazakhstan
Kuwait
Luxembourg
Mexico
Pakistan
Paraguay
Peru
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia and Montenegro
Sierra Leone
Spain
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Tunisia
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Zambia
Zimbabwe